

CHANCE FOR ALL TO HELP SMOKE FUND

Two Benefit Parties This
Week Will Raise Money for
Tobacco for Soldiers.

3 SONGS DO THEIR BIT

Thanksgiving Messages Ar-
rive While Christmas Ship-
ments Are on Their Way.

THE SUN Tobacco Fund received its first Christmas card from France yesterday. It was mailed from Creuse, November 26, and shows in colors an American soldier studying the map of France under the guidance of a petite fille. Under the illuminated letters, "Merry Christmas," the doughboys have written "From us all." The names are Privates Meyer Cohan, Thomas Barlow, John Mearig, Arthur McNeal, Earl L. Hess and Corporal Ray D. Leidich, all of Ambulance Company 3, 103d Sanitary Train. This is the message:

"Just a few lines to let you know that to-day we got the cigarettes which were sent to us through your fund. The men whose names follow thank you very much."

Soon messages will be received from the boys telling of the receipt of smokes on Christmas Day, made possible by the generosity of contributors to THE SUN Tobacco Fund. It is hoped the supplies sent abroad will be enough to go around. It is believed they will be. And the work will still go on, so contributors can continue to help. New contributors also may do their share toward keeping our soldiers overseas supplied with tobacco.

Two great chances for helping the fund are offered this week. One is the ball to be given by the Red Corner Club Thursday night at Palm Garden. The tickets for this party are \$1 each and the entire proceeds will go to the fund. This will be the third annual dance of this club, which is composed of the employees of Patterson, Gottfried & Hunter. The members are bearing the expenses of the party except the rent of Palm Garden, which is donated by the firm. The music will be furnished by Haley's Manhattan Band.

Many Offer Their Services. The other chance to help the fund is offered by J. P. A. O'Connor, acting manager of Hotel McAlpin, who has arranged an entertainment in the grill room for Friday night. Several well known stage folk have volunteered their services, among them Miss Amara Farrar, soprano, who returned recently from France, where she sang to the soldiers; Miss Lillian Tovey, the "Australian Personality Girl"; Jimmy Flynn, Bob Harding and Sally Cohn. Miss Hazel Allen, who is said to possess the "world's champion

Will Dance for Fund



Hazel Allen

Hazel Allen has devised a new dance and bizarre costume for THE SUN Tobacco Fund party in the grill of the Hotel McAlpin on Friday night.

"dimple," has devised a new dance and bizarre costume to match, which she will show at this entertainment.

Private Albert Metschis, of the 241st Field Artillery, Battery F, wrote a letter November 27 to thank a donor for smokes, explaining that he wrote first on the regular postal card, "but somehow it fell into the mud and that is the reason I am writing on this sheet of paper." Continuing, the letter says:

"When home I'm a constant reader of THE SUN and donated coupons and money to the fund before I became a part of this outfit, which was organized in Camp Funston and filled the quota at Camp Mills. I am a Brooklyn boy and my home address is 1474 Linden place. It can't be long before we will all be back and the first thing I intend to do is to visit THE SUN office and tell my thoughts." Lieut. Elmer K. Pettibone, Railroad Detachment, writes on November 25 to the men of Post & McCord: "Many

thanks. These cigarettes were smoked by men of my detachment and were surely appreciated. They found their way to Bernecourt, France, on what was the front line before the Boche was driven back. I thank you for all my boys."

A delayed card from Fred L. Foster of 117th Engineers written November 15 was received by Helen Massena. It says: "Your most kind gift of cigarettes reached the boys and were distributed on the very front line just south of Sedan on the ninth day of November. At the time the Heinies were dropping explosives from their batteries of 155s from positions on the north bank of the Meuse River."

From Evelyn Carier, a nurse in Base Hospital 51 at Toul, comes this message: "I am asked to thank you on behalf of my patients for the tobacco received and distributed this Thanksgiving morning. These boys surely do appreciate gifts of this kind from the folks back home."

Under the head of new contributions there is an item of \$500, which comes from additional sales of Seneca G. Lewis' latest popular patriotic song "Home Coming Week in France." The fund also will benefit from royalties from two other songs, "Columbia" and "Georgia Land."

How the Fund Stands To-day.

THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN \$3,000.00
United Cigar Stores boxes, including special 5% of gross sales day..... 60,000.00
Otherwise acknowledged..... 376,894.28
New contributions..... 500.00
Total..... \$3,876,894.28
Shipped and paid for..... 85,000.00
Cash balance..... 30,345.00
Received through the Schulte cigar store..... 25,115.56
Grand total..... \$4,177,354.84

GLASS FAVORS RAIL AID PLAN.

New Secretary and McAdoo Discuss Road Problems.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Glass presided for the first time at the Treasury to-day over a meeting of the War Finance Corporation to discuss the question of lending financial aid to railroads instead of having all money for maintenance and betterment come from the Railroad Administration's \$500,000,000 revolving fund.

A tentative decision to extend the aid is understood to have been reached, but Secretary Glass said after the meeting that any announcement now would be premature.

Draft Evader Starves to Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—As the result of a hunger strike which lasted sixteen days, Dan Skedine is dead. Skedine was held in prison as a draft evader, and sought his release through the Detachment, writes on November 25 to the men of Post & McCord: "Many

G. O. P. PUSHES FIGHT ON DIRECT PRIMARY

Committee Will Confer With
Leaders on Efficiency Plan
for 1920 Campaign.

BILL TO REPEAL LAW

Return to Party Convention
System Is Sought in
Drive by Club.

The Republican Club of New York intends to push actively its campaign for the return to the party convention system and the killing of the direct primary plan. The general introduction of voting machines throughout the State is a part of the plans of the club.

President Bonyne of the club has appointed a committee to confer with Republican leaders throughout the State in an effort to determine how the efficiency of the organization may be increased before the campaign of 1920. This action is in pursuance of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the club.

The committee consists of Alfred C. Cox, Jr., Herbert L. Satterlee, N. A. Elsborg, N. A. Miller, Alan D. Kenyon, Taylor More and H. Murray Lamont. It is probable the committee will invite prominent leaders to attend a dinner soon after the first of the year, which will be preceded by a conference.

Primaries to Elect Delegates.

It is believed that the bill which the club intends to introduce for a repeal of the present direct primary law will be one of the important matters discussed at the conference.

As outlined by Alan D. Kenyon, chairman of the club's committee on State affairs, whose resolution was adopted on Monday night, direct primaries would be retained under his plan only for the selection of delegates to the conventions. The candidates for delegates would be proposed by petition in the same way as at

present and would be elected at official primaries conducted with the same safeguards that now surround the primaries. The credentials to delegates would be issued by the election authorities and would be binding, subject to a summary review by the courts.

The details as to how many delegates should be chosen and where and when the conventions should be held would be left to the State committees, or in case of smaller units, to the county committees. These committees would name the temporary officers, the permanent officers to be elected after roll call, and no business transacted until after such election.

Claims Many Advantages.

"The outlined scheme," said Mr. Kenyon last night, "has all the advantages of the old convention system without any chance for the flagrant abuses so often met with in the past of one clique in a convention unseating the delegates of another clique."

"It also retains the advantage of the present official direct primary surmounted by the official sanction of law. It embodies the good points of the present system and of the convention system, while eliminating the weak points of both."

It was announced last night that former President William Howard Taft would be the speaker at the annual Lincoln Day dinner of the club.

More Pay in Brooklyn Plant.

War Board Orders Increase for Men in Gem Metal Works.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A closed shop, with a forty-eight hour working week and wage increases totalling \$2 a week are granted to employees of the Gem Metal Products Corporation of Brooklyn in an award to-day by the War Labor Board.

The closed shop principle is applied because the plant was operating under a closed shop agreement prior to the entry of America into the war.

A wage scale of \$5.75 and the basic eight hour day were granted to molders of Elizabeth City, N. J.

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WAR TO BE WAGED ON SHOPLIFTERS

Store Owners Organize and
Prosecutors and Courts
Promise Assistance.

Deft fingered purloiners of counter wares who have neglected to do their Christmas shopping early are apt to have cause to regret their tardiness when they learn that the dry goods store owners are laying a snare for them, and that pleas for sympathy will be useless.

The Stores Mutual Protective Association, recently incorporated by members of the Retail Dry Goods Association, for the purpose of suppressing shoplifting in New York stores, has sent letters to District Attorney Swann, District Attorney Lewis of Kings county, Police Commissioner

Enright, Chief City Magistrate William McAdoo and Chief Justice Kernochan of the Court of Special Sessions asking their cooperation in the work of prosecuting offenders.

Replies came promptly promising help. The letter from W. De S. Trenchard, secretary of the organization, directing official attention to the matter follows:

"The Stores Mutual Protective Association, Inc., has been organized for the purpose of endeavoring to diminish the enormous losses that have been sustained by the department stores of Greater New York through shoplifting."

"This loss has been estimated to be very substantial and is believed to be largely due to lack of coordination in the detection of shoplifting, in the prosecution of the shoplifters, and the lack of thorough investigation and

to the inability, because of lack of co-operative effort, to disclose and prosecute the receivers of stolen goods to whom professional shoplifters are able to sell the merchandise they steal."

"It is believed by the members of this organization, all of whom are among the larger taxpayers of the greater city, that this tremendous loss can be in a large degree eliminated if the authorities of the city will give them assistance."

"The members of this association will be grateful to you for any assistance you render and for any suggestions you may be able to make as a result of your experience."

Membership signs, intended to act as a warning, are being displayed by members of the association. They are similar to those used by members of the American Bankers' Association. In addition they have secured the services of William A. Murphy, formerly a detective in the Police Department, who will cooperate with detective forces in the stores.

Following are the names of members of the Stores Mutual Protective Association:

Abraham & Straus, B. Altman & Co., Best & Co., Bloomingdale Bros., Gimbel Bros., James A. Hearn & Son, Inc., Frederick Loeser & Co., Lord &

Taylor, Preston P. Lynn, general manager John Wanamaker, James McCreery & Co., R. H. Macy & Co., A. J. Namm & Son, Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Saks & Co., Franklin Simon & Co. and Stern Bros.

MIDNIGHT MASSES UPHOLD.
Christmas Morn Services Approved by Mgr. Mooney.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Joseph F. Mooney, administrator of the New York archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church, has sanctioned the midnight mass on Christmas. Throughout the archdiocese there has been more or less uncertainty among the faithful as to what would be the Monsignor's decision in the matter, but in his circular letter to the rectors of all the churches under his jurisdiction Mgr. Mooney allays all fear that his decision would be an adverse one.

Mgr. Mooney wrote: "Interpreting what I think would be the mind of our lamented Cardinal were he alive at this momentous time, the permission is granted to have midnight mass in all our parish churches at Christmas."

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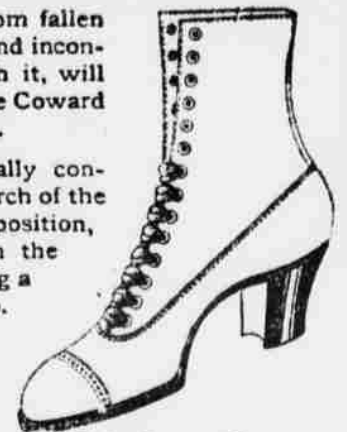
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